

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church



**In-Person  
Worship**  
SATURDAY @ 5 PM  
SUNDAY @ 8 AM  
SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM

**Live Stream  
Worship**  
Sunday @ 10:30 AM  
[www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW](http://www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW)



## CONNECT to CHRIST WITH US

**November 5-6, 2022**

The Twenty-Second Weekend After Pentecost  
All Saints Day (Observed) & Communion Weekend

**Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30am:**

[www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW](http://www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW)

Large Print bulletins available from an Elder at in-person services.

**New National  
Mental Health  
Emergency  
Phone Number**

**988**

**On-Call Pastor  
260-888-6888**



**Prayer Text Hotline**

Text requests to  
**260-468-5816**



### **Sermon**

"Singing the Song of the  
Saints"

Text: *Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17*

Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

### **Worship Readings**

First Reading:

*Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17*

Epistle Reading:

*1 John 3:1-3*

Gospel Reading:

*Matthew 5:1-12*



# Letter from the Pastors

Greetings from your Pastoral Ministry Team,

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Yes, this time of year has come around once again and we know it can be a busy one. In order to help with this, your Ministry Team would like to give you a head's up on all the special ministry related activities St. Peter's will offer this coming Advent Season. First, let's talk about this month's holiday.

Whenever we think about Thanksgiving we often picture our family seated around the table eating vast amounts of turkey and enjoying each other's company. While it is true we should be thankful for one another and the prosperity God has given us, there's even more to be thankful for.

Matthew 7:11 tells us, "So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him." Indeed, our Father is the giver of all good gifts and we're sure that on Thanksgiving you'll be thanking Him for hearth, home, food, company and fellowship. Don't forget that your Father has also given you His Son, and this is the gift that we are most grateful for because, truly, it is only His death on the Cross which rescues us from our own sinful selves. So, enjoy your Thanksgiving! Go out and play some football in the afternoon and rejoice as your grandchildren play in the leaves and make a mess of your house. But, be the most thankful that your Savior has died for you!

*Celebrate with us at either our Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 pm or Thanksgiving Day service at 9:00 am.*

On to our schedule. Advent is a wonderful time of year and God has richly blessed Saint Peter's with the opportunity to glorify Him with our praise and worship, and, we'd like to make you aware of some of the special worship opportunities we are offering this coming season.

- Firstly, the Ministry Team is proud to announce that we will be embarking on a new sermon series during Advent! "Let Me Tell You a Story," will include personal Christmas memories and stories from each of the Pastors that we hope will enrich and enliven your holiday spirit. Of course, each story will be tied to the readings of the day for that Sunday, but we hope to share a little bit of ourselves with you over the course of this part of the Church year.
- Secondly, our Midweek Advent services will continue as usual, but with a new worship opportunity we think will reach a segment of our Church that rarely receives acknowledgement. On December 21st St. Peter's will have its first Blue Christmas. This event will take place on the longest night of the year and is meant to honor those of us who have experienced a loss and may be grieving throughout the holidays. Of course, anyone can come, but this year's Blue Christmas is designed to provide a space and time for those who may not feel like Christmas is the happiest time of year. More details will be forthcoming in future News and Notes.
- Thirdly, our annual Hymn Sing is described under the Music Ministry section below. Be sure to take the survey for our Top 10 Christmas Hymn hits!

- Fourthly, there will be a Christmas Carol Sing on the Twelfth Night of Christmas led by the Praise Team on Thursday, January 5th in celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus! Twelfth Night is a longstanding Christian tradition that marks the end of Christmas and the beginning of Epiphany. Join us and the Praise Team as we sing the songs of Christmas and joyously praise the coming of our Savior.

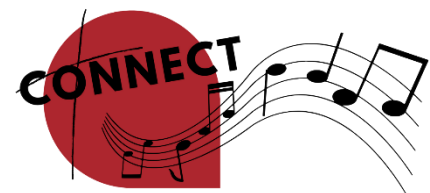
Finally, may your Advent Season be a time of fellowship and joy that energizes, renews and strengthens you in your faith as we prepare for the Epiphany of Jesus Christ who came into the world in the form of a little babe humbling Himself so that we too could become children of God!

In Christ's most Holy name,  
Pastor Steve, Pastor McDowell, & Pastor Nate



### **Fall Voter's Meeting**

The Fall Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th immediately following the 10:30 service in the Sanctuary. All supporting materials for this meeting are available in the Ministry Center. If you would like the materials to be mailed to you, please make this request through the Church Office.



## *Music Ministry*

### **Tim's Top 10 Hymn Sing**

Our annual Advent/Christmas Hymn-Sing will be on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 pm. Tim would like some help selecting the hymns for this year's hymn-sing, and he wants to know YOUR favorites. Take the survey by calling the Church Office to make your requests. Voting will close on Sunday, November 27th. We will sing St. Peter's Top 10 favorite Christmas hymns on December 7!



### **Family Life Ministry Toddler Bags Complete**

Family Life is so thankful to everyone who donated coloring books and small toys for the Toddler Bags used for worship! The new bags are complete with all new internal components, new bags themselves, and tagged so your little darlings can find their favorite bag even easier. Each bag will have a new liturgically appropriate coloring sheet that focuses on one of our scripture readings. Have your child turn in their coloring sheets to the Church Office to possibly be chosen as the featured artist displayed the following week!





## **Altar Guild: Thanksgiving Service Display**

Produce to help decorate for our Thanksgiving services would be appreciated, and if appropriate, donated to the food drive after Thanksgiving. Any produce (Apples, pumpkins, veggies, fruits, nuts, etc.) that keep well can be dropped off by 9 a.m. November 23rd in the sacristy room located behind the baptismal font. Thank you for supporting us "Entering His gates with Thanksgiving" together!

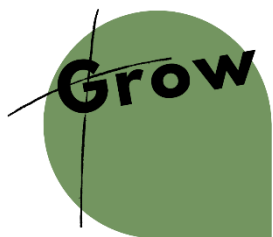
## **St. Peter's History Corner Upcoming Theme:**

### **Advent – Christmas - Epiphany**

Start going through your Christmas decorations early! If you have anything specific to St. Peter's history within the theme of Advent - Christmas - Epiphany, please bring to the Church Office no later than Monday, November 14th. Please also include the name of the person or family providing the item(s) and if the items are being donated to our archives or will be on-loan. While we will try to display all items, some size restraints and focus of the theme may lead us to discern using some for a different theme or other future display. We're really looking forward to celebrating our church history together!



This first display will be ready to view before and after our first midweek Advent service, Wednesday November 30th and run through the season of Epiphany which ends Sunday, February 20th. The Church Office will contact the owner of any on-loan pieces the following week for pick up.



## **GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US**

### **Attention College Students**

This is the last weekend for the college adoption sign up! Be sure to get the Google form filled out before Monday, November 7th. Next weekend, sheets for adoptions will be displayed in the ministry center. Plan to be a part of this ministry to care for our young adult members.

## **Bible Studies**

### **Sunday Bible Study**

Join us in-person in the Cornerstone Room Sundays at 9:15 AM (treats included) or online through our YouTube channel. Pastor Nate will lead the study this week and continue with the video series started by Pastor Borchers, "This Changed Everything" on the effects of the Reformation.

### **Tuesday Ladies Bible Study**

Fellowship & study will be every Tuesday in the Large Conference Room from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Pastor Ahlersmeyer's class on Christians and Civic Responsibility was very interesting and will be extended into this coming Tuesday, November 8th.

### **Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study**

Every Thursday morning at 6:30 am in the Cornerstone Room. Dr. Puls will continue a study focused on the book of Titus.

### **Pastor Steve's Thursday Noon Bible Study**

The weekly noon Bible Study continues! The study is focused on the book of Revelation.





# Senior Saints

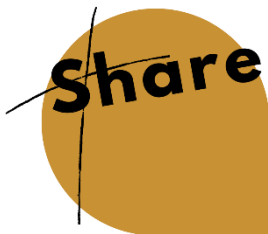
## November Lunch & Learn: Shepherd's House

The Senior Saints sign-up sheet for the November Lunch and Learn is up! This month, we will be featuring a speaker from Shepherd's House on November 14th at 11:30 AM in the Cornerstone Room. The cost is \$10 for lunch. Please turn in payment to the church office by November 9th. Attendance is welcome even if you choose not to participate in lunch.

The Shepherd's House was last month's Compassionate Care Collection and caters to our Veterans who need a specific type of support. Honor Flight supports Veterans in a different way. Any Veteran who is attending this month's Lunch N' Learn and has been on an Honor Flight, please come early wearing your Honor Flight hat and/or t-shirt. *Mike Buhr will be taking a group photo of you before the Lunch & Learn begins. Please arrive between 11-11:15 am to be included in the photo.*

## Hope Sessions Completed - From Mourning to Joy Remains

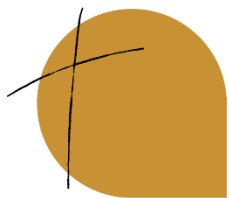
The final week of the Fall 2022 Hope sessions has come to a close, however the facilitator-led group From Mourning to Joy will continue weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Ministry Conference Room (old work room). All are invited to join the group at any time. For questions about the group, please contact Michelle Leahy (mleahy@stpetersfw.org or 749-5816).



## SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

### Compassionate Care Collection Carriage House

The CARRIAGE HOUSE, located on Lake Ave across from the Catholic cemetery, assists adults with serious mental illness to gain or rediscover skills and self-esteem necessary to return to work or school, move into better places, stay out of the hospital and re-claim their lives. The CARRIAGE HOUSE has 2,000 Club Members, most of whom live under the poverty level. As winter approaches they can use adult new or gently used clean jackets and new warm hats and gloves. Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.



# Social Ministry

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

It's hard to believe it's that time of year to again think about Thanksgiving and St. Peter's annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive. In years past the members of St. Peter's have wholeheartedly supported this Social Ministry team effort to help those in need, and we anticipate a similar response this year. Tables will again be set up in the north and west corridor to accept donations of non-perishable food items on Thanksgiving Day.



The Social Ministry team and volunteers will gather on the Friday morning after Thanksgiving at 9:00am to sort, divide, and distribute the food items collected. If you or anyone you know could use this kind of help, please provide the name, address, phone number, and household size to Pastor Ahlersmeyer before November 17. With God's guidance and direction, we will again be able to help families, members and non-members alike, to have a happy Thanksgiving. Praise God!

## LSSI Christmas Thanksgiving Opportunity

Provide gifts for 4 families for Christmas through LSSI's Adopt-a-Family Program! We are supporting 14 family members--\$100 per family for food and necessities (total 400) and \$50+ per family member for Christmas gifts (total \$700+). The families will be assisted in shopping by an LSSI aide.



Our goal is set at \$1,100, trusting God to motivate our response. Whether your response is \$5 or \$50, you will share the love of Jesus (Bibles will be included in our gifts) with families who may never have experienced His love as the true gift of Christmas. We give thanks to God for this gracious opportunity! May His love overflow! **Ways to Give:** All gifts will be in the form of Walmart Scrip Cards, which can be designated via:

- checks sent to church ear-marked LSSI
- checks or cash in envelopes available in Ministry Center & placed in offering plate or given to the church office.

*All contributions will be converted into St. Peter's SCRIP.*

## Pastor Appreciation Month (they felt it and are so grateful to you)

The Pastors were so thankful of everyone who showed their appreciation with cards, notes of encouragement, & treats. As the Pastors love the Church, the Church loves their Pastors. Enjoy a little taste of their most recent adventures.





# Stewardship Corner

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### Stewardship Corner as of 10/23/2022

God certainly gives us what is good; let us return a portion to him!

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Total Giving	\$73,439	\$324,492
Budget	\$78,604	\$330,262
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,165)	(\$5,770)
Loan Balance		\$1,092,163

***Our November Special Offering is going to the Associated Churches Food Bank***

## LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Saturday, November 5**

5:00 pm – Worship w/ Communion

### **Sunday, November 6**

8:00 am - Worship w/ Communion

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)

9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Large Conference Room)

9:15 am - Adult Instruction Class: New Members (Ministry Conference Room)

10:30 am - Worship w/ Communion

Following Service – Fall Voter's Meeting

5:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)

6:00 pm – HSYG Meeting (Parish House)

### **Monday, November 7**

7:00 pm - Brass Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, November 8**

9:30 am - Tuesday Ladies Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

6:00 pm – Trauma Support Group (Pastor Nate's Office)

6:00 – From Mourning to Joy Grief Support (Ministry Conference Room)

### **Wednesday, November 9**

6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone)

### **Thursday, November 10**

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Cornerstone)

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone)

11:00 am – Missions Team Meeting (Ministry Conference Room)

12:00 pm - Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

5:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal

6:00 pm – Shepherding Care Team (Ministry Conference Center)

7:00 pm – Board of Elders (Large Conference)